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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application and consider the remarks as follows:

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for reducing the slew rate of transition edges of a digital signal on a node of an integrated circuit, comprising:

connecting a first switchably conductive device characterized by a first threshold voltage between said node and a voltage source, said first switchably conductive device responsive to a first input signal to allow current conduction from said voltage source to said node when said first input signal is offset from said voltage source by a voltage substantially equal to and greater than said first threshold voltage and to disallow said current conduction when said first input signal is offset from said voltage source by a voltage less than said first threshold voltage;

connecting a second switchably conductive device characterized by a second threshold voltage greater than said first threshold voltage between said node and said voltage source, said second switchably conductive device responsive to a